AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

> An antenna assembly having an operating frequency and a vertical radiation pattern with a main lobe axis defining a downtilt angle with respect to the earth's surface. The antenna assembly comprises a plurality of antennas in first, second, and third antenna groups physically disposed along a backplane, the backplane having a longitudinal axis along which the antennas are disposed, and a phase adjustment mechanism electrically connected [disposed] between the first [second] and third antenna groups, such that adjustment of the phase adjustment mechanism results in variation of the vertical radiation pattern downtilt angle.

Please amend the 4th paragraph on Col. 2 of the specification as follows, which paragraph extends from line 24 through line 41:

> These needs and others are satisfied by the antenna assembly of the present invention, having an operating frequency and a vertical radiation pattern with a main lobe axis defining a downtilt angle with respect to the earth's surface. The antenna assembly comprises a plurality of antenna means in first, second, and third antenna groups disposed along a backplane, the backplane having a longitudinal axis along which the antenna means are disposed, and a phase adjustment means electrically connected [disposed] between the first [second] and third antenna groups, such that adjustment of the phase adjustment means results in variation of the vertical radiation pattern downtilt angle. The second and third antenna groups each comprise a plurality of antenna means. The first antenna group comprises one antenna means, and the second and third antenna groups each comprises two antenna means.